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(c) The Vanniyakula Kshatriya or Agnikula Kshatriya is a sub-sect of the Non-Brahman (Hindu) community and the total number of the Non-Brahmans now working as district panchayat officers is 20.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" I see that no Vanniyakula Kshatriya has been given any appointment throughout the Presidency. May I know why it is so? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Vanniyakula Kshatriyas are classified among non-Brahmans. So far, the Inspector has not sent names of any of them to the Government."

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur:—" May I know whether any deputation waited on the Chief Minister to urge on him the claims of these Vanniyakula Kshatriyas to be appointed to these posts of panchayat officers? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I have received deputations from many backward communities. When future vacancies arise, I shall ask the Inspector to bear in mind the claims of all the backward communities."

Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR:—" No doubt this community is a sub-sect of the non-Brahman community; but is it a fair attitude for the Government to say that no communal justice should be shown to this community on that score? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" I do not follow what the hon. Member means; Government consider that no injustice has been done to any community."

Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER:—" May I ask, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that this community is a predominant community and that it should be given proper representation in the services? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The Government believe that all backward communities should be encouraged; but it will not be found possible by definite rules to give representation to all the numerous backward communities."

Appointment of Indian Christians and the members of the depressed classes as district panchayat officers.

* 349 *Q.*—Mr. M. DEVADASAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) how many district panchayat officers have been appointed since 12th March 1935;

(b) what communities they belong to;

(c) whether applications were received from Indian Christians and depressed classes for the posts of district panchayat officers;

(*d*) how many of them have been appointed; and

(*e*) how many of them were rejected and whether the orders were communicated to them?

A.—(*a*) Four.

(*b*) Non-Brahman (Hindu)—3.

Indian Christian—1.

(The Indian Christian declined the appointment.)

(*c*), (*d*) & (*e*) Under the regulations governing the service of district panchayat officers, recommendations for appointments to the service are being made by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and Local Boards who receives applications. Government have therefore no information on the points referred to in these clauses.

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" Out of four applicants for appointment, one was a Christian. Was any Christian appointed in the place of the Christian who declined the appointment? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" That vacancy has not yet been filled up."

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know on what grounds he resigned or declined to accept the appointment? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—' I have not seen the letter myself, but probably he declined for personal reasons; he preferred to practise at the bar, I suppose."

Mr. M. DEVADASAN:—" I find that Government have got information in regard to clauses (*a*) and (*b*) of the question, while they have no information with regard to clauses (*c*) to (*e*). May I know why they have not obtained information in regard to (*c*) to (*e*) when they obtained information in regard to (*a*) and (*b*)? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" We got the information about appointments made since 12th March 1935 and about the communities to which the persons appointed belonged; but the other information is not available."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" How many more vacancies are there of district panchayat officers yet to be filled up? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" Only one which has been caused by a candidate who was selected having declined the appointment. That is in regard to East Tanjore."

B. POCKER SAHIB Bahadur:—" Are not the services of more district panchayat officers required to satisfy the needs of the districts? "

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" At present there is no intention of increasing the number of posts."